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# H. R. 1488

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 1993

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRANDY, Mr. GUNDERSON, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND POLICY.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
5       findings:

6               (1) The European Community's Third Country  
7       Meat Directive is a nontariff trade barrier.

1           (2) The maintenance of this nontariff barrier is  
2           a major impediment to United States meat exports  
3           to the member states of the European Community.

4           (3) United States producers of meat products  
5           have been injured by being denied the opportunity to  
6           sell their products in the member states of the Euro-  
7           pean Community.

8           (4) The imposition of this nontariff barrier has  
9           had a harmful effect on United States commercial  
10          interest and has created a serious trade dispute be-  
11          tween the United States and the European Commu-  
12          nity.

13          (5) Efforts by the United States Government to  
14          negotiate a resolution to this dispute have been un-  
15          successful.

16          (6) The European Community is expanding its  
17          share of the United States pork market through the  
18          unfair use of export subsidies, and this expansion is  
19          further injuring the United States pork industry.

20          (7) In order to prevent further economic injury  
21          to the United States meat industry, the United  
22          States Government must take stronger action to re-  
23          move the major impediment to United States exports  
24          created by the Third Country Meat Directive.

1           (8) In order to demonstrate its determination to  
2       obtain access to the European market for United  
3       States producers, the United States Government  
4       should retaliate against the European Community's  
5       imposition of the Third Country Meat Directive.

6           (9) The form of retaliation that is most likely  
7       to succeed in bringing the dispute to a resolution is  
8       to restrict imports of meat products from the Euro-  
9       pean Community to the United States.

10       (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States  
11      that the European Community's Third Country Meat Di-  
12      rective is an unfair nontariff trade barrier and that it is  
13      in the public interest to remove this barrier to exports of  
14      United States meat products.

15      **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ENTRY OF EUROPEAN COM-**  
16                                   **MUNITY MEAT PRODUCTS.**

17       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the  
18      date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall pro-  
19      hibit the entry into the United States of all European  
20      Community meat products.

21       (b) DURATION.—The prohibition imposed under sub-  
22      section (a) shall remain in full force and effect until the  
23      European Community removes the impediment to United  
24      States meat imports into the European Community caused  
25      by the Third Country Meat Directive, and until meat

- 1 products raised and produced in the United States are
- 2 permitted full and fair access to the markets of the Euro-
- 3 pean Community.

